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the constitution, when a final vote, during the general election, is cast for the candidate for Governor, one vote will be cast for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor candidates who are members of the same party. That's in the constitution. That takes care of it. I don't believe, when we're amending the constitution, we should put additional verbiage in just to make hypersensitive, schizophrenic political parties feel comfortable and be happy that their narrow, parochial, scaredy-cat positions are enshrined in the constitution. If a person running for Governor wins the nomination from his or party, for his or her party, and chooses a mule skinner and the mule skinner has never registered to vote, by the time they get to the general election ballot, the mule skinner will have to have registered as a member of the party of the one running for Governor, maybe, maybe. There is no need to do anything other than what 14CA does now, and that is to say that the Governor candidate will select his or her running mate. The U.S. Constitution doesn't say that the President shall select member of his or her party to run. I don't believe that elections belong to the parties. I don't believe the electoral Now, even if tradition has system belongs to the parties. created that circumstance as a matter of fact, that does not mean it should exist as a matter of constitution and law. believe the problem is that the amendment that was adopted carries the wrong person's name on it. That's what the problem Chambers offered the amendment and that's what the problem I would like to ask, is Senator Schimek on the floor?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schimek, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, now that I've lambasted the parties, I'm going to become measured in my dealings here because I'm dealing with one of my colleagues. May I ask you a question or two?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

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